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Atty. Docket No. AWI90101

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: : Group Art Unit: 1724
HAMBLEY, DAVID M. and :
HAMBLEY, PHILIP : Examiner: Ivars C. CINTINS
Serial No.: 09/303,306 :
Filed: April 30, 1999 :
For: FILTER UNDERDRAIN SYSTEM :
FOR BACKWASH FLOW AND :
METHOD FOR MEASURING SAME :

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's action of 24 April 2001,
applicant requests that the above-identified application be
amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. [Amended] A filter underdrain assembly for
controlling backwash water flow including [from] a backwash water
inlet comprising a plurality of panel members forming a grid-like
underdrain, each panel member having a plurality of apertures,
the cross-sectional area of said apertures in said panel members
varying between said panel members, said apertures of said panel
members being located further away from said backwash water inlet
having a lesser cross-sectional area relative to said cross-